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In re Application of:

Wolfgang Stelzenmuller

Serial No.: 09/891,347

Filing Date: June 27, 2001

Title: **Emergency Support for  
 Stabilizing Individual Limbs or  
 Body Parts**

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Art Unit: 3736

Examiner:

Docket No.: 222.002/10017298

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Box Non-Fee Amendment  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment prior to examination of the merits.

In the claims:

Please add new claims 21 - 37 as follows:

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 21. An emergency support for stabilization of thoracic and lumbar vertebral areas comprising:

a cruciform-shaped cushion, said cushion having a quilt pattern of weld seams for dividing said cushion into a series of fields;

a pair of mateable side clips disposed on opposite arms of said cushion, whereby a torso of a patient may be encircled by said cushion and secured by the mating of said side clips; and

spots of a connector material disposed on a back surface of said cushion for fixation of said cushion to a surface.